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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON
EMBARQ PETITION FOR FORBEARANCE UNDER 47 U.S.C. § 160(c)
FROM CONTRACT TARIFF FILING REQUIREMENTS**

WC Docket No. 07-258

Comments Due: November 29, 2007

Reply Comments Due: December 14, 2007

On October 19, 2007, the Embarq Local Operating Companies (Embarq) filed a petition for forbearance pursuant to section 10(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), 47 U.S.C. § 160(c). In its petition, Embarq requests that the Commission forbear from applying its rules that require Embarq to file contract tariffs in areas where the carrier has or may receive Phase I or Phase II pricing flexibility.¹ Specifically, Embarq asks the Commission to forbear from the application of the contract tariff filing requirements in sections 61.55, 61.58, and 69.727(a) of the Commission's rules relating to pricing flexibility.²

Interested parties may file comments on the Embarq petition for forbearance on or before **November 29, 2007** and reply comments on or before **December 14, 2007** pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules.³ Filings in this proceeding should be captioned "In the Matter of Petition of the Embarq Local Operating Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from the Contract Tariff Filing Requirements of the Pricing Flexibility Rules" and filed in WC Docket No. 07-258.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two courtesy copies must be delivered to Marvin Sacks, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A260, Washington,

¹ Petition of the Embarq Local Operating Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from the Contract Tariff Filing Requirements of the Pricing Flexibility Rules, WC Docket No. 07-258, at 2 (filed Oct. 19, 2007).

² *Id.* at 2 (citing 47 C.F.R. §§ 61.55, 61.58, 69.727(a)).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

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Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
 - For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov and include the following words in the body of the message: get form <your email address>. A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.
Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission's ECFS.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of the Embarq petition for forbearance. This matter shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁴ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁵ Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules.⁶

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Marvin Sacks, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at marvin.sacks@fcc.gov.

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⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).